ed in Police Schools as in the Madras Presidency, and that a detective Inspector may be appointed for the State.

*Reply of Government.* Most of the Police Officers are being trained in the Head-quarters Police Training School at Bangalore. The subject of forming a detective department is noted.

SUBJECT No. 57.

Levy of Registration fees.

Messrs. Chendrasekharaiya and Gundappa.

*Summary of discussion.*—Hitherto a fee of 4 annas for every 100 words exceeding the first 300 words in documents offered for registration used to be levied. But now 2 annas is levied for every 100 words in a document. Poor persons who present small documents for registration suffer loss by this new method. It is therefore prayed that a fee of 2 annas may be levied for every 100 words exceeding the first 300 words.

A large number of members prayed that the old rules may be restored.

*Reply of Government.*—The old rules under which the first 300 words were exempt, and a fee of 4 annas for every 100 words or less in excess of 300 was levied, will be restored.

SUBJECT No. 58.

Reduction of Registration fees on mortgage deeds.

Mr. Lakshminaranappa, Heggaddevankote Taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—The fee for the registration of a mortgage deed is the same as that levied on a sale deed, while the stamp duty is only half of what is paid for a sale deed. It is therefore prayed that the registration fee on mortgage deeds may also be reduced to half of what it is in the case of sale deeds.

*Reply of Government.*—Not possible at present: but will be noted for consideration.

SUBJECT No. 59.

Registration office certificates of search.

Mr. Narahariya, Nelamangala Taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—When loans are taken under the Land Improvement Regulation, the parties are directed to produce a certificate regarding the previous encumbrance on the property to be mortgaged. In the certificates given by the Registration Department for previous mortgages, etc., it is only mentioned that the registers have been given to the parties for search and sufficient time allowed for search and the fee of Re. 1 received. But instead of this a certificate to the effect that no previous transaction was found registered will be a more valuable and useful one.

*Reply of Government.*—Neither the Regulation nor the rules thereunder require applicants for loans to produce encumbrance certificates.

New rules under the Regulation are under consideration.